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Proclaim National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Youth ages 13-29 account for one third of all new HIV diagnoses in the United States. Specifically, 1 in 4 new HIV infections occurs in youth ages 13 to 24 years. About 60% of all youth with HIV are at risk of unknowingly spreading the virus because they do not know that they are infected and are not getting treated. In 2010, about 12,000 youth in the United States, or about 1,000 per month, were infected with HIV. In Los Angeles County, as well as nationally, the greatest number of infections occurred among gay and bisexual youth of color, with nearly half of all new infections occurring among African American males. Other disproportionately affected populations include Latinos, females, and transgender persons.

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day is being recognized for the first time on April 10, 2013. This day aims to educate youth, to encourage youth to get tested, to increase the number of youth involved in prevention and community mobilization efforts, and to raise awareness of treatment and information for HIV+ youth.

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The Centers for Disease Control urges organizations and individuals around the nation to raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS upon youth throughout the year. In order to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS, youth are encouraged to get tested frequently, to educate themselves and others about how HIV is transmitted and prevented, including on the use of condoms, to spread the word through social media, and to engage in meaningful conversations with partners.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim April 10, 2013 as National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Los Angeles County and encourage all Los Angeles County residents to educate themselves and others about the impact that HIV/AIDS has on youth in our community.

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